

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions and listings of claims in the application.
Please amend the claims as follows:

1-16. (canceled.)

17. (previously presented) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, wherein a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, and a second catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen monoxide is arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction.

18. (currently amended) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, wherein a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, said catalyst configuration comprising:

a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, said first catalyst comprising at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of copper oxides and chromium oxides, and

a second catalyst which is active in removing nitrogen monoxide which is arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust flow direction, said second catalyst comprising a titanium oxide and at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxides, tungsten oxides and molybdenum oxides.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, said catalyst configuration comprising:

a first catalyst arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising a composite oxide of copper oxide and chromium oxide, and

~~a second catalyst arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising a titanium oxide, a vanadium oxide and a tungsten oxide~~

a second catalyst which is active in removing nitrogen monoxide which is arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust flow direction, said second catalyst comprising a titanium oxide and at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxides, tungsten oxides and molybdenum oxides.

21. (currently amended) The catalyst ~~configuration for removing nitrogen oxides~~ according to claim 20, wherein

~~said second catalyst further comprises molybdenum oxide~~ comprises a titanium oxide, a vanadium oxide and a tungsten oxide.

22. (currently amended)[[A]] ~~The catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, said catalyst configuration comprising:~~ according to claim 21, wherein

~~a first catalyst arranged on the upstream in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising a composite oxide of copper oxide and chromium oxide, and~~

~~a second catalyst arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising titanium oxide and one or more of an oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxide, tungsten oxide, and molybdenum oxide~~

said second catalyst further comprises a molybdenum oxide.

23. (currently amended) The catalyst ~~configuration for removing nitrogen oxides~~ according to claim 17, wherein

greater than or equal to 1/4 and less than 4/4 of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

24–28. (canceled.)

29. (currently amended) The catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 18, wherein

greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

30. (currently amended) The catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 20, wherein

greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

31. (currently amended) The catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 21, wherein

greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

32. (new) The catalyst configuration of claim 22, wherein

greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

33. (new) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, wherein a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, said catalyst configuration comprising:

a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, said first catalyst comprising a chromium oxide, and

a second catalyst which is active in removing nitrogen monoxide which is arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust flow direction, said second catalyst comprising a titanium oxide and at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxides, tungsten oxides and molybdenum oxides.

34. (new) The catalyst configuration according to claim 33, wherein
greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and
a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

35. (new) The catalyst configuration according to claim 33, wherein
said second catalyst comprises a titanium oxide, a vanadium oxide and a tungsten oxide.

36. (new) The catalyst configuration according to claim 35, wherein
greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and
a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

37. (new) The catalyst configuration according to claims 35, wherein said second catalyst further comprises a molybdenum oxide.

38. (new) The catalyst configuration according to claim 37, wherein greater than or equal to $1/4$ and less than $4/4$ of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.